

Rockport Aug 31. 1847.

My Dearest Marianne - I come to this City about 3 o'clock this morning, from Baldwinville where I had spent two days with brother Jacob & his family; & with Myron who met me in Syracuse the morning after our arrival. I got your letter at Syracuse & this morning both of those directed to me at this City. You can hardly think how invaluable your letters are to me; & those of this morning which "report progress" were peculiarly gratifying. I am not sentimental nor babyish, when I say, that you doubtless know how lonesome & homesick I am at times & how almost constantly, my heart yearns to beat against thine own. Dearest, may the happy news of improved health, add wings to every letter which you may send me in future. I love to think of you as sweet & serene, & as blissful as Paradise could render you. The calmness of great & pure thought, the inspiration of the deepest and holiest love, & the charm of poetic beauty would unfold my life, if a fond husband could realize his project for thee. Thou art set within my being, ~~and~~ which gives it all its beauty. how I long to have that beauty ^{so} reflected back upon you, as to make you the mother of angels. O my dearest Marianne, do keep ^{within you} the heaven of

a mind consecrated to great & active thought
smitten with the love of beauty & exalted
by the purest devotion. I must beg the good
angels to introduce you into the society of the
Great, the Good, & the Beautiful: for I am too
poor, too traveling, & unworthy to approach you.
O I would that I could command all perfect spir-
its, to create a world of beauty for you. You
will not I am sure allow any thought about
our future prospect ^{to} be any other than pleasant
& cheerful to you. I am sure that all will
be well & we may be happy & more than all
useful, which is to be beautiful indeed.

You are wondering that I have not written
^{earlier} ~~before~~ since leaving Utica, but I have been
exceedingly busy, & have not had a moment
of time, even for rest. We had only two meet-
ings in Syracuse, & we were both so fatigued
with our efforts at Utica that we did not do
so well as we should have liked to do, but the
audiences were very much pleased & so we
concluded to be pleased also. Our meetings
were small but composed of the very best
people in the place. This you know was the
grand centre of Mr Collins' agitation & we
had supposed that ~~achieving~~ would hardly be
possible for any kind of Social reform lecture
but the citizens of that place, are well aware
of all the causes of Collins' failure, & don't

judge even Communism, by that phenomenon
much less Association. Samuel J. May was
exceedingly hospitable & generous towards us;
& did all in his power to aid us. We have been
unanimously requested by ~~our~~ our hearers, to visit
Syracuse in November & to hold meetings for
three weeks & at their expense. Samuel J. May
Mr Joseph Savage Mr Stephen Smith & the editor
of the Star, are foremost in making the
request. Messrs Savage & Smith were the ran-
lics & latest friends of Collins' Movement, &
are the wealthiest citizens in Syracuse. Is there
not cause for encouragement?

On Saturday afternoon Myron & myself went to
Baldwinsville together & spent two days. Myron's
health is considerably improved & he is on his
way to Wisconsin. He left Harrisburgh about a week
ago. Mother was quite unwell. Her eyes were quite
sore & painful; & her feet were so swollen from
inflammatory rheumatism, that she was unable
to walk. He felt very badly about leaving her at
such a time, but it was concluded to be best that
he should meet me, which he did accordingly. I
had a very good visit at my brother's. & found them
in much better circumstances than I had ex-
pected. On Monday afternoon, I took my leave of
them; Jacob & Myron taking me in a wagon, about
eight miles, to the rail-road. It was exceedingly hard
to part with Myron. He never appeared so good
to me as he did at Baldwinsville. He is a young

man of a beautiful spirit, & incorruptible integrity. He wanted to have received a letter from you in answer to ~~this~~, before leaving home. He often spoke very affectionately of you, & of the delight it would have afforded him, to have analysed flowers with you, & to have rombled ^{with you} together, in search of new varieties. He sends his love to you, & wishes ~~you~~ you to write him a letter, which shall reach Foud-dulac by the time the he does. He will remain a week longer with Jacob's Brother, Jacob and his wife, Caroline, send their love to you, & desire to see you very much.

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The prospect for meetings in this city is less favorable than that of any place which we have previously visited. It is the nest wherein were hatched that anomalous brood of birds, called the "Sodut Boy Phalanx" the "Clarkson Phalanx" the "Bloomfield Phalanx" & the "Manchester Union." The very name of Association is odious with the public: and the unfortunate people who went into these movements, in such mad haste, have been ridiculed till endurance is no longer possible; & they are slunk away from the sight & knowledge of their neighbors. There are some who always were, & will be so poor as to have nothing to sacrifice that are still as open before the world as they can be & there are two or three families however, of those whose circumstances command them in fluence, that are steadfast Associationists. We shall make an effort to give two lectures here & afterwards determine what else is to be done in the premises.

Sept 1.

Mr Brisbane met us here yesterday morning but he returned to Batavia in the evening. He appeared very well excepting that his eye troubles him a good deal now. He is going to make arrangements for our lectures in Batavia & vicinity & in Buffalo. but he thinks nothing can be done West of Rochester in the state of New York. I think now of going to Buffalo & then of returning to Canandaigua, Waterloo Seneca Falls - Kings Ferry. Poplar Bridge. West morland. Utica. Hamilton. Troy. Cohoes Falls. Springfield & home. I ought to have six weeks, or two months, to make these visits, but shall not have more than four weeks.

Brisbane tells us to come to Batavia & he will see that we have a good home, & are treated as gentlemen. He is just as full of the great things which he is going to do as ever. I wish he would get some of them out especially Fourier's Translation - But I think he begins to regard it importantly that there should be a commentary accompanying it, & he is going to write it. Much good will it do the world, when he publishes Fourier's Universal Unity. Mr Pugh had better take the translation & give it to the Boston Union or to Frank Shaw. if he deems that the world should be benefitted by it.

There are some interesting facts, connected with the fortunes of some of the Phalanxes in this neighborhood which I mean to obtain if possible. So far as I have been able to learn the fortunes do but prove the practicability of Fourier's Theory.

Brother John Allen is in a quandary that his Sul cinea del Toboso does not write him a letter, now if I were but as expensively as Sancho Panza I could write him one that would answer, as well. I imagine that he begins to suspect that he has not got such hold on her affections as he had promised himself. Nous verrons He is determined not to be worsted in the contest.

As to writing for the Harbinger, I begin to think that it is entirely out of the question. I cannot find the time except when I am too much fatigued to attempt it. I wonder if the Executive Committee of the Union have any idea of the nature of lecturing. I should like to see Misses Ripley Swigg & Channing doing what we are obliged to do in almost every place. In the first place we have to spend sometimes two days in running about ~~in~~ ^{up} calling upon such persons as we can ascertain

to take any manner of interests in Association - if
we cannot find any of this class. We then ask
for reformers of any & all kinds - National Pro-
tectionists. Leaguers on any thing else - At the end
of the second day we can usually get a meeting
- Sometimes there will be a dozen & sometimes
twice that number, at the first meeting.
Having got one meeting we determine to push
it: to hold on until we make an impression.
This is a place at the attractive industry of a bee
turning group. I hope some of the "School" will
one day have a taste of the luxury of doing
good. Much of the time we are obliged to travel
all night & catch what sleep we can in a jam-
ed packet-boat or in the cant of the w^om^on.
Wait - road is awful. But tis all right or -
at least will soon be so.

How blessed are you and wearied to death with
the stupidity of this endless rowl so here it
ends with my warmest love to all our folks
I am all the while reproaching myself with not
having made the provision I wanted to for your
comfort - Mother is killing herself with caring
for you. Send your next letters to Kings' Ferry
Cayuga Co - Yours ever sincerely

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